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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: : Group Art Unit 1615  
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Serial No.: 09/749,189 : Examiner Lakshmi S. Channavajjala *Bet*  
Filed: December 27, 2000 :  
For: CYTOKINE ANTAGONISTS FOR THE :  
TREATMENT OF SENSORINEURAL :  
HEARING LOSS :  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the first Office Action.

REMARKSGeneral Considerations

There is no prior art which teaches the novel aspects of this invention. This patent application is supported by the clinical experience of the inventor with a patient whom he treated. The patient experienced dramatic hearing recovery within hours of administration of a TNF antagonist. This clinical report is included in the patent application.

The present invention also includes novel routes of administration.